Report of the
Committee
on
Assessments &c
Apl 12. 1852

D. L. Maury Chmn
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The committee to whom was referred the subject matter of an increased assessment on the Pews &c. &c. — beg leave respectfully to submit the following report.

In pursuance of the duties assigned the Committee by a series of resolutions of the Vestry at its Special meeting held Sat. March 29th. a copy of which (as furnished by the Secretary) is hereto appended marked A. State that on the Monday following they convened at the church and carefully reviewed a scale of assessments as prepared by a committee which had the subject previously under consideration; and so amended the same as in their judgment to bear as lightly upon the Congregation as the objects had in view would admit of — namely an adequate provision for an increase of the Rectors salary and other current expenses, And the liquidation of the debt now due by the church —

The committee resemble that dependance alone upon revenue from the rental of pews, to be relied for the extinguishment of the debt due by the Church, would require a number of years for its accomplishment — and in order to expedite so desireable an object affixed a fee simple value to each pew, as may be seen by a reference to the scale hereto, and only await the Vestrys favorable action on their labours to complete the sale of Pews already made of a sufficient number to provide for the larger part of the debt — and may be permitted without presumption to congratulate the Vestry and through them the Congregation upon the prospect from that source of a speedy relief from the entire amount of indebtedness

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St Marys Church
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Messrs Turnell & Martin

Allibone &c Committee

Resolved that that the Plan offered by Committee be adopted and that a Committee be appointed to inform the Pew Holders of the assessed Value of Pews and the addition to their several Rents and the Object to which Income derived from said addition is to be applied

Resolved that the committee are hereby instructed to inform the Pew holders that the income derived from increased Rent of Pews shall be appropriated to increase the Rectors Salary and Liquidation of Church Debt

Resolved that the Committee are hereby authorised to fix the Feesimple Value of the Pews (Copy

Geo J Wallaston
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Vestry of St Marys

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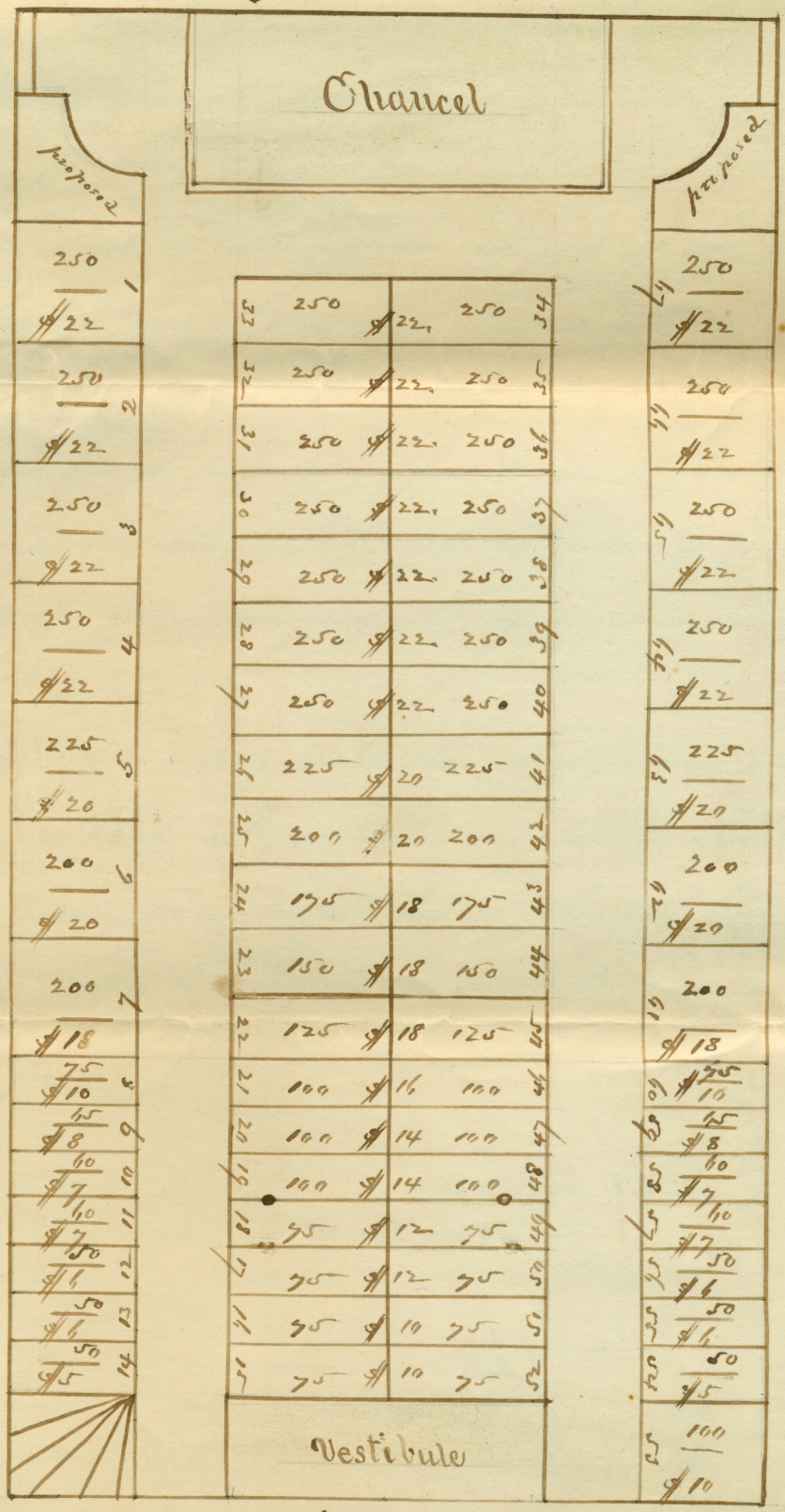

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J. S. BELLY.

The undersigned, a Committee appointed by the Vestry of St. Mary's Church, to arrange an increased scale of Rents for Pews in the Church, have also been directed to state to the congregation, the causes thereof. The Church has owed a debt for several years, and in addition to which the necessary expenses of the Parish have not been met by the annual revenues. The necessity, therefore, for some increase in the rents of pews will be admitted by all who desire to see the Rector of the Parish properly supported, and to provide a fund for the liquidation of the debt; which, both in justice to those to whom it is due and to the permanent prosperity of the Parish cannot longer be delayed.

The Box money under this arrangement will not hereafter be charged. That all pew renters may see the operation of this plan, the annual rent as now established is submitted below. It is the purpose of the Vestry to sell pews at moderate prices to such persons as will purchase, in which case the interest on the value of the pew will cease.

Rent of Pew, No. 64 — present rate per annum, $ 22

Fee simple value $ 250

Interest on " " . a.6% . 15

Future rate per annum, ... $ 37 —

Present rate per annum, $ 22

Box money now charged, 5 27

Increased rent, $ 10

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